

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew Charles Weber, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, Paul N. Stockton, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Farr, Thomas R. Lamont, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, who was introduced by Senator McCain, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in the own behalf.

PETROLEUM AND HEATING OIL RESERVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 967, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to create a petroleum product reserve, and S. 283, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify the conditions for the release of products from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve Account, after receiving testimony from David F. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of for Petroleum Reserves, and John D. Shages, former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Petroleum Reserves, both of the Department of Energy; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Kevin Book, Clear View Energy Partners, LLC, Washington, DC; and Didier Houssin, International Energy Agency, Paris, France.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

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Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter Silva Silva, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, and Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, who was introduced by Senator Baucus, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financing comprehensive health care reform, after receiving testimony from Edward Kleinbard, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation, United States Congress; Joseph R. Antos, American Enterprise Institute, Leonard E. Burman, Tax Policy Center, Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Michael F. Jacobson, Center for Science in the Public Interest, James A. Klein, American Benefits Council, Gerald Shea, AFL-CIO, and Steven E. Wojcik, National Business Group on Health, all of Washington, DC; Katherine Baicker, Harvard School of Public Health, and Jonathan Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, MA; Stuart H. Altman, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA; John Sheils, Lewin Group, Falls Church, VA; and Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, MD.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported nominations of Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, and Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for nuclear non-proliferation.

PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States strategy toward Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Klobuchar, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Homeland Security,